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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NAVY PENSION CLAIMS REJECTED.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

TRANSMITTING

A statement of navy pension claims rejected by the Commissioner of Pensions.

JANUARY 16, 1849.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
January 10, 1849.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner of Pensions, communicating to this department lists of the names and residence of persons who have applied for relief under the navy pension laws, whose claims have been rejected, and the reasons for rejecting the same.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. Y. MASON.

HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PENSION OFFICE, December 23, 1848.

SIR: By a resolve of Congress, (No. 7,) which was passed on the 29th of May, 1830, it is made the duty of the head of the Navy Department to present, at each session of Congress, to the Senate

and House of Representatives a several list of such persons as shall have made application for a pension, or an increase of pension, and as, in his opinion, ought to be placed upon the pension roll, or otherwise provided for, and for doing which he has not sufficient power or authority; with the names and residence of such persons, the capacity in which they served, the degree of relief proposed, and a brief statement of the grounds thereof, to the end that Congress may consider the same.

As some difficulty arises as to the true interpretation of the resolution, it is deemed proper to state to you that all claims for pensions, when provided for by law, and supported by the requisite proof, are admitted. Such as are provided for by law, and are not substantiated by the necessary evidence, are not allowed, and the applicants are required to exhibit the usual testimony; and such claims as are not provided for by any act of Congress are absolutely rejected.

Ever since the resolution was adopted, it has been the practice of this office to make an annual report of rejected cases. This report is now made in conformity with that practice.

There is no case, in my opinion, in which any new legislation seems to be called for, among the cases now reported.

The papers are marked A, B, and C.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

HON. JOHN Y. MASON,
Secretary of the Navy.

A.

A statement showing the names and residence of persons whose claims under the act of April 23, 1800, have been rejected, and the reasons for rejecting the same; prepared in conformity with a resolution of Congress of May 29, 1830.

Names of applicants.	Rank.	Residence.	Reasons for rejection.
P. A. J. P. Jones.....	Lieutenant.....	Massachusetts	No proof that his disability was incurred in the line of duty. Claims of more than 25 years' standing not entertained.
Gilleis Thompson.....	Second lieutenant of marines..	Louisiana.....	

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A statement showing the names and residence of the widows whose claims, under the act of August 11, 1848, have been rejected, the rank of the deceased officers, seamen, or marines, on account of whose services the claims were presented, and the reasons for rejecting the same, in conformity with a resolution of Congress of May 29, 1830.

Names of applicants.	Rank.	Residence.	Reasons for rejection.
— — — Dart, widow of Thomas Lynch Dart ...	Surgeon's mate	South Carolina.....	Her husband discharged under the act of 1801 for reducing the navy; no law providing for the case.
Ann Fletcher, widow of James Fletcher	Marine.....	Pennsylvania.....	Barred by the act of August 11, 1848.
Hannah Hammond, widow of Jeduthan Hammond...	Seaman.....	Massachusetts	Claims of more than twenty-five years' standing not entertained.
Maria Heffron, widow of John Heffron.....	Boatswain's mate...	New York.....	No proof that her husband died of disease contracted in line of duty.
Susan Jane Jackson, widow of Andrew McD. Jackson.	Purser.....	Virginia.....	Barred by the act of August 11, 1848.
Catharine Leahy, widow of James Leahy.....	Marine.....	New York.....	do do do
— — — Magill, widow of James Magill.....	Carpenter.....	Pennsylvania	Her husband died at the naval asylum, Philadelphia; no law providing for the case.
Elizabeth H. Marshall, widow of Thomas Marshall .	Corporal of marines.	Maryland	Barred by the act of August 11, 1848.
Rachael Patten, widow of John Patten	Ordinary seaman...	New York.....	do do do
Rebecca Rainey, widow of Joseph Rainey.....do.....	Maryland	do do do
Constance Wade, widow of Charles Wade.....	Gunner	Florida.....	do do do

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C.

A statement showing the names and residence of the orphans whose claims, under the act of August 11, 1848, have been rejected, the rank of the deceased officers, seamen, or marines, on account of whose services the claims were presented, and the reasons for rejecting the same, in conformity with a resolution of Congress of May 29, 1830.

Names of applicants.	Rank.	Residence.	Reasons for rejection.
James Jackson, son of James Jackson.....	Ordinary seamen	District of Columbia.	Barred by act of August 11, 1848.
Thomas S. Denham and John E. Denham, children of Thomas S. Denham.	Sergeant of marines.do.....do....	do.....do.....do....	do do
Elizabeth Ann Franks and Henry N. Franks, children of Henry Franks..do.....do....do.....do....	do do

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